



# EI-news

## IRTS supporting Amateur Radio



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### Renewal of Amateur Station Licenses

In June 2009 the Wireless Telegraphy (Amateur Station Licence) Regulations 2009 came into force which changed individual Amateur Station Licences from annual licences to lifetime licences. However, licencees are still required to confirm the details of their licence every 5 years. ComReg will be advising the IRTS how to comply with this requirement in 2014 and we will endeavour to keep members updated as details emerge.

### CQ WW SSB Europe Winners EI7M



Congratulations to the **East Cork Group EI7M** on their magnificent performance in winning Europe in the 2012 CQ WW SSB Contest held last October and they also finished fifth in the world. They had two million points to spare over their great rivals of recent years, the top Austrian station E7DX, with OM8A close behind in third place. The

winning team was John EI8IR, Neil EI3JE, Dan EI3JZ, Mark EI4KD, Enda EI2II and Pete G4CLA. This is the first time an EI station has won Europe and we wish them well in defending their title next October.

### AREN



The Amateur Radio Emergency Network or AREN is a Public Service Voluntary Radio Emergency Network run by the IRTS in co-operation with ComReg. Under extended licence terms and conditions AREN Operators are permitted to pass the third party messages of designated emergency services including: Fire Service, Civil Defence, Garda, Mountain Rescue, HSE and Voluntary Ambulance Service. To become a member of AREN requires a number of primary commitments. Please see <http://aren.ie/news/aren-faq/> or contact any committee member via telephone, e-mail or in writing.

### Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next amateur station licence examination will be held on **Thursday, July 4 at 2.00 pm** in the ComReg offices in Dublin. The examination may be held on that day at other centres where warranted by the number of candidates. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay on-line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam)

## SDR Members Challenged!



**South Dublin Radio Club (SDR)** organised a “Spring Challenge” for the month of February to encourage more HF activity and stir up some friendly rivalry. Club members were invited to submit their logs for February. The photo shows SDR Chairman Michael Fitzgerald EI9GGB presenting the trophy to winner **Michael Staunton EI3DY**.

## CONTESTS

**May 2013** (All Times UTC)

**04/05** -24 Hrs from 1200z on 4th-ARI Int. DX Contest- CW/SSB/RTTY-Work Italy Only-Exchange: RS & Serial No.

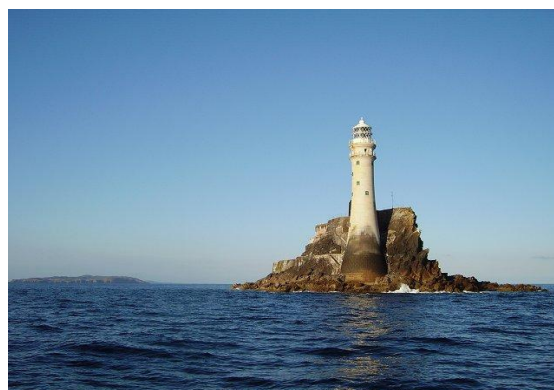
**11/12**-24 Hrs from 1200z on 11th-CQ-M Int. DX Contest-CW/SSB-Work Everyone-Exchange: RS & Serial No.

**18/19**-24 Hrs from 1200z on 18th-Euro PSK DX Contest-BPSK63-Work Europe Only-Exchange: RS& EU Net Code e.g (59IEUK)

**18/19**-24 Hrs from 1200z on 18th-King of Spain Contest-CW-Work Spain Only -Exchange: RS & Serial No.

**25/26**-24 Hrs from 0000z on 25th-CQWW WPX Contest-CW-Work Everyone-Exchange:RS & Serial No.

## International Lighthouse Weekend



International Lighthouse Weekend takes place on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and already 473 stations in 47 countries have indicated their intended participation. If you are planning an activation, please check the web site to ensure that no one else has plans to activate the same lighthouse. More on this fun event is on-line at [www.illw.net](http://www.illw.net)

## SWL: Offshore History

The advent of the internet and facebook has meant many old photos of 60s and 70s offshore stations can now be viewed online for the first time. To see one such collection of excellent high quality photos please visit <http://www.keezer.tv/radio/index.html>



## Members Advertisements

### IRCs for Sale:

Peter EI7CC has a quantity of IRCs for sale at 1 Euro each. If interested please contact him at: [ei7cc@oceanfree.net](mailto:ei7cc@oceanfree.net)